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**Sent:** 6/11/2020 4:05:00 PM  
**To:** Diegelman, Paul [PAUL.H.DIEGELMAN@hud.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: QUESTION: Contact for Any Housing Improvements for Low-Income Owners

Thanks so much!!!

Take care!  
maryann

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**From:** Diegelman, Paul <PAUL.H.DIEGELMAN@hud.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:17 AM  
**To:** Suero, Maryann <suero.maryann@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: QUESTION: Contact for Any Housing Improvements for Low-Income Owners

St Clair County has CDBG funds as well.

<https://www.co.st-clair.il.us/departments/grants/Pages/default.aspx>

## Pages - Intergovernmental Grants

The Intergovernmental Grants Department serves as an umbrella agency containing three divisions providing services to the public. They are Community Development; Community Services; and Workforce Development. Some of the programs operated by each group include: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP (825-3210) Emergency Home Repair & East St. Louis ...

[www.co.st-clair.il.us](http://www.co.st-clair.il.us)

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**From:** Diegelman, Paul <PAUL.H.DIEGELMAN@hud.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:45 AM  
**To:** Suero, Maryann <suero.maryann@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: QUESTION: Contact for Any Housing Improvements for Low-Income Owners

The City's Economic Development Division may use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for an issue as this.

<https://www.cesl.us/206/Programs-Services>

## Programs & Services | East St. Louis, IL

Programs & Services 9. 1. 1. 2. Business Retention & Attraction Program. The Business Retention and Attraction Program is designed to be a flexible, custom-designed financing program to assist East St. Louis business property owners with expanding their operations in East St. Louis, as well as select businesses wishing to establish operations ...

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**From:** Suero, Maryann <[suero.maryann@epa.gov](mailto:suero.maryann@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 9:02 AM

**To:** Diegelman, Paul <[PAUL.H.DIEGELMAN@hud.gov](mailto:PAUL.H.DIEGELMAN@hud.gov)>

**Subject:** QUESTION: Contact for Any Housing Improvements for Low-Income Owners

Hi Paul,

I hope all is as well as can be with you today, given the state of the world...

I was recently contacted by someone representing a group of residents in a very poor community in Illinois, near East St. Louis which has experienced persistent failures of its sewage infrastructure, leading to backups in residents' homes and yards. Because the area is served by and/or affected by multiple systems, it's somewhat of a perfect storm situation.

My question is whether you're familiar with any HUD programs that might help in this situation. And if you are familiar, who at Region 5 might be the right person(s) to bring into a multi-federal agency discussion of resources that can be brought to bear in the area. It sounds as if there might be some interest in the situation from Senator Duckworth's office, but I don't have confirmation of that.

The owners have lived in their homes for 20+ years, are mostly elderly and now can't even enjoy their homes. I am sharing this February newspaper [article](#) about the issues these folks are facing.

Thanks, in advance...stay safe!  
maryann